

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, please amend the first paragraph as follows:

This application is a divisional of ~~Serial~~ Application No. 09/751,797, filed on December 29, 2000, (now U.S. Patent No. 7,081,528), which is a continuation-in-part of ~~Serial~~ Application No. 09/354,243, filed on July 16, 1999, (now U.S. Patent No. 6,359,117), which in turn is a continuation-in-part of ~~Serial~~ Application No. 09/178,973, filed on October 26, 1998, (now U.S. Patent No. 6,274,710) . All of these applications are incorporated by reference in their entirety.

Page 6, please amend the heading at line 6 as follows:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE ~~FIGURE~~ DRAWINGS

Page 13, please amend lines 14-16 as follows:

There are two changes which result in an inconsequential amino acid change (at both positions 36 and ~~443~~ 103, Val in TIF α becomes Ile in TIF β).